(b) whether it is a fact that the number of attacks being made by the terrorists has increased in the said three months as compared to the period of last three months; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and what measures Government are going to take to check the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As per the available information given below there has not been significant change in the level of terrorist incidenties and level of casualties during January—March, 2000 as compared to October—December, 1999.

	October 1999	November 1999	December 1999	January 2000	February 2000	March 2000
No. of terrorist incidents	258	229	270	227	212	241
No. of civilians killed	57	36	57	55	72	72
No. of security forces personnel killed	18	46	46	26	30	26

With a view to tackle the problem of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, *inter-alia*, strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of the militants by pro-active action against them in the hinter land, gearing up inteligence machinary, greater functional integration through an institutional frame work of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of UHQ at all levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for sequrity forces. Steps are being taken to flush out terrorists and curb terrorist activities including closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/ exfiltration, more pickets, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operation.

ISI Menace in some States

3418. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ISI is active in Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to curb the activities of ISI in Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) There is no let up in the efforts of Pak ISI in fomenting terrorist activities in various parts of the country including Maharashtra. Two espionage cases were detected in Maharashtra in June, 1999 and 4 persons were arrested in Mumbai and six in Pune for passing on defence related information to Pakistan.

Further, in December 1999/January 2000, Mumbai, Police arrested 4 persons in connection with some serious offences. Some of them were involved in conspiracy to hijack IC-814 along with Pak nationals.

(c) To check activities of Pak ISI, some states have taken special measures including setting up of special cells, task forces, strengthening of the intelligence machinery etc. Central Government also provides financial assistance to State Government for modernisation of their police forces in order to equip them to deal with terrorism and other security related problems more effectively.

Central Government has been sensitising the State Governments about the threat perception and movement of ISI agents activists, periodic coordination meeting are also held with State Governments for sharing the inputs from various quarters as well as devising strategies to counter such activities. Various security agencies belonging to Union and States have been working together to check the activities of ISI agents. As a result of coordinated action, a number of ISI backed modules have been neutralized.

Shiphoning of Funds by the Governing Body of IGSSS

3419. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indo-German Social Service Society, New Delhi (IGSSS) is maintaining and operating a large number of current and fixed deposit accounts throughout the country in various banks violating the FC(R) Act and relevant rules;

(b) whether it is also a fact that governing body members of this society are siphoning large amount for their personal purposes; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.